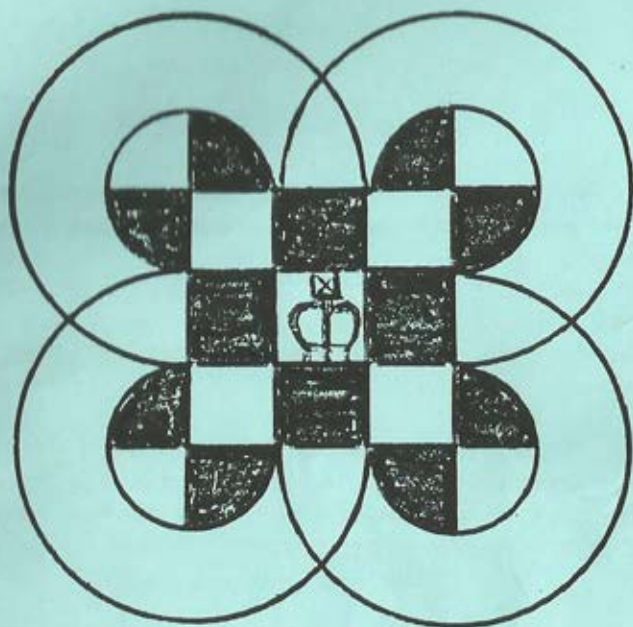


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Greetings, and welcome to a new season of Clergy Correspondence Chess. Welcome also to our new magazine, which it is hoped will now be published three times a year (see article on the Questionnaire elsewhere). This will be October - at the start of our new season; January - to coincide with the end of our match (if any) with another club; and June - a reminder near the end of the season!

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find results of last seasons competition, and details about this year's, together with various news and comment.

Congratulations to Ruggles Fisher who has retained the trophy for a second year. Although the scores show him well ahead, it was a close run thing. 3 games from Division 1 were submitted for adjudication and the winner only emerged after that was done. This meant that I was unable to get this included in our press notices in summer.

Subscriptions for the new season are £1.50. This is also explained in the article on the questionnaire. Please send these direct to our treasurer (address on the cover). If you would rather pay using the GiroBank facility, our number is 61-231-4006.

The post around here has been dreadfully unreliable in recent months. I know of a number of things that I have sent or should have received that never made it. I hope you will all receive this safely. If you haven't heard from any of your intended opponents within 14 days of receiving this, contact me and I will investigate.

I look forward to meeting many of you in person next July at our congress. In the meantime,

Best wishes,

Bruce Carlin.

1986 / 87 SEASON

Our season runs from October to July. All results should be in, or games sent for adjudication, by July 31st 1987.

Opposite are the divisions for this season. Each person plays each other in his division twice, once each as white and black, though you can agree to play one game for double points. The notation used should be agreed between you, though I encourage algebraic which is now the standard notation. At the end of the season one player is promoted, and two relegated from each division. Others are moved sideways to ensure fresh opposition. Ties are decided firstly by the number of wins, then black wins (so let me know), then winning chess rather than by default, and finally by the Biblical precedent of lot!

New players have a copy of the BPCF rules enclosed - here a summary of the basics: 10 days are allowed for each 5 moves. Time saved is carried forward. Same day reply counts as half a day. Each player can have 14 days off during a game after notifying his opponent. We do allow use of phone and if you are efficient it is both quicker and cheaper, these guidelines can help:

- i. Number games 1&2 to avoid confusion, and read back your opponent's last move before giving your new one.
- ii. Arrange mutually convenient times to phone in cheap rate, and if out try to ensure that someone else in the house can take down a move.
- iii. Always have pen and paper by the phone. It is not fair on your opponent's phone bill to keep him waiting while you get organized.
- iv. If using algebraic notation the phonetic alphabet can avoid confusion.
- v. Exchange scorecard every 10 moves or so as a double check.

Our numbers are still high enough to need a 4th division. This is made up of the lowest surviving player from each of the 3rd divisions. Unless membership rises further 4th division members are guaranteed re-promotion after 1 year. New members still enter in a 3rd division.

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RESULTS : 1985 / 86 SEASON

DIVISION 1

	F	H	D	S	M	
Fisher	XX	½0	1½	11	11	6
Harper	½1	XX	0½	01	10	4
Davies	0½	1½	XX	½0	1½	4
Stevenson	00	10	½1	XX	10	3½
Mackenzie	00	01	0½	01	XX	2½

DIVISION 2A

	N	HR	S	W	L	
Nichol	XX	10	01	11	11	6
Hodgess-Roper	01	XX	1½	11	10	5½
Sutcliffe	10	0½	XX	11	1½	5
Williamson	00	00	00	XX	11	2
Lewis	00	01	0½	00	XX	1½

DIVISION 3A

	H	F	A	M	R	
Hurt	XX	½1	11	11	11	7½
Foster	½0	XX	10	1½	11	5
Axtell	00	01	XX	01	1½	3½
Mason	00	0½	10	XX	10	2½
Robson	00	00	0½	01	XX	1½

DIVISION 3C

	L	C	S	G	
Loxton	XX	11	1½	11	5½
Cullen	00	XX	10	½1	2½
Smith	0½	01	XX	01	2½
Gowing	00	½0	10	XX	1½

DIVISION 2B

	W	G	T	N	P	
Waterfield	XX	01	11	11	11	7
Geddes	10	XX	11	11	11	7
Taylor	00	00	XX	11	11	4
Nye	00	00	00	XX	11	2
Proctor	00	00	00	00	XX	0

DIVISION 3B

	M	I	S	R	
Morris	XX	11	11	11	6
Ion	00	XX	10	11	3
Scott	00	01	XX	11	3
Robertson	00	00	00	XX	0

DIVISION 3D

	C	P	M	S	
Carlin	XX	11	11	00	4
Partridge	00	XX	11	11	4
McIntyre	00	00	XX	11	2
Stewart	11	00	00	XX	2

DIVISION 4

	W	J	M	T	
Wiltsher	XX	11	11	11	6
Joy	00	XX	11	11	4
McGowan	00	00	XX	½½	1
Turns	00	00	½½	XX	1

NOTES: I had to depart from my usual practice for adjudications as those submitted were from Division 1, so the winner was then unknown. My thanks to Eric Hodgess-Roper who arranged for the President of Stratford-upon-Avon chess club to do them for us. Our thanks to him also.

As usual ties were resolved by giving the verdict to the one with most wins, then the most black wins, then those who had won games by playing chess rather than by default. I was somewhat embarrassed to become the first beneficiary of this last rule, winning my division as a result. I have subsequently been able to promote Tim Partiridge also because of a resignation in Division 2.

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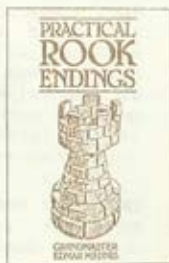
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MISCELLANY

FAREWELL to Spencer Robertson, a long standing member who died during the course of last season...also to W.H.Lewis; K.S.Proctor; R.H.Ion; A.T.B.McGowan; K.L.Turns; P.Stewart, all of whom have resigned for various reasons - ill health, advancing years, pressure of time, and in the case of Paddy Stewart being sent by his Church to Nicaragua - we wish him well and hope he doesn't become the first CCCC martyr!

WELCOME BACK to Eric Bailey after a few years off. Eric donated the trophy which our winner receives each year. Also to Paul Richmond, back after a break. Partial welcome back to Peter Townsend. He isn't playing in the league, but plans to join us at our congress. Bill Lockett (the designer of our provisional logo) keeps in touch but can't commit himself to full league play.

WELCOME to new players B.Shephard (our first Manx domiciled member?); P.Hair; J.Sigsworth; R.Goode; R.Sydenham; and D.S.H.Hulme. The last named applied to join last year, but had not then been ordained. It is good to have him now that he qualifies!

WELL DONE the Methodist Recorder which has produced the lions share of our new members this year after their kind mention of our activities. Thanks to the other Church papers for their mention.

CAUTIOUS WELL DONE to our team playing NCCC. At the time of writing we lead this match 5-2. There are still 23 games to finish, so we are not there yet, but the two we have lost were by default (because of Paddy Stewart's move) so we are still 100% on games played! Full results in our January magazine.

Why not HAVE A GO in a BPCF Open Championship, if you can manage a further six games. I have entered one but it is too early to say how I am doing as the furthest advanced game is only at move 12. An entry form with full details is on the back cover of this magazine.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE

I have decided to produce this mailing in magazine format, and your comments will be gratefully received. Thanks to all of you who completed the questionnaire I sent out in July. Fortunately, no one objected to records being kept on computer, which keeps us within the Data Protection Act. As for the other things...

Views about how often you would like a mailing were pretty evenly divided. A small majority wanted three times a year, but the others were very close behind. As a compromise, I propose to mail three times a year, but at the suggested subscription for twice a year! This is possible because my parish now has a more sophisticated copier and I can reduce pages in size, thus reducing the cost of copying this magazine. I hope I haven't overstepped the mark, and that you can read the address lists etc. Try a magnifying glass!

Thus the subs. for 1986/7 are £1.50. Please send these direct to the treasurer, not me, as it saves us money. His address is on the cover.

There was a very strong vote against prizes. I assume you want to keep the 'friendly' nature of our club, without playing for reward, so there will be no prizes. The overall winner will still receive the shield, and we will pay for his name to be engraved thereon!

The proposed club badge received a mixed response. A small majority liked it. It is on the cover of this issue, but if there are any alternatives offered you will be given a further chance to choose. Well done all those of you who spotted my 'deliberate mistake' - the piece depicted is a King, not a Bishop. 'King of Kings?' suggested one member. Is that a good title for our magazine? Or would you prefer 'Bishop's Move'? Any other suggestions?

There is more news about the congress elsewhere in this magazine.

Just to get the idea started, a game I once played for the Barnsley chess club. If it teaches anything, it is probably never give up...

I am playing black.

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| 1. e4 | e5 |
| 2. Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3. Bc4 | Nf6 |
| 4. d3 | Bc5 |
| 5. Ng5 | O-O |
| 6. Nc3 | h6 |
| 7. Bxf7+ | Rxf7? |

Is Bishop & Knight worth Rook and Pawn?

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| 8. Nxf7 | Kxf7 |
| 9. Nd5 | Ng4?? |
| 10. Qxg4 | d6 |
| 11. Qf3+ | Kg8 |
| 12. Qg3 | Bc6 |
| 13. Bxh6 | |

leaving this position in which black might as well resign, but doesn't!



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| | Qf8 |
| 14. O-O | Bxd5? |
| 15. exd5 | Nd4 |
| 16. Kh1 | Nxc2 |
| 17. Rac1 | Nd4 |
| 18. Rce1 | Nf5! |
- if a couple of moves late!
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| 19. Qg5 | Nxh6 |
| 20. f4 | Qf6 |
| 21. Qxf6 | gxf6 |
| 22. fxe5 | fxe5 |
| 23. Re4 | Rf8 |

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| 24. Rxf8 | Kxf8 |
| 25. g3 | Ng8 |
| 26. h4 | Ne7 |
| 27. h5? | Nxd5 |
| 28. h6 | Nf6 |
| 29. Rh4 | Kg8 |
| 30. g4 | Bf2! |
- which should win g4, but not yet.
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| 31. Rh2 | Bg3 |
| 32. Rg2 | Bf4 |
| 33. g5 | Nh5 |
| 34. g6? | Bxh6? |
| 35. Rh2! | Ng3+ |
- at which the first time control is reached.
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| 36. Kg1? | Nf5 |
| 37. Rg2 | Kg7 |
| 38. Kh2 | Nh4 |
| 39. Rg4? | Nxg6 |
| 40. Kh3 | Kf6 |
| 41. Kh2 | Nf4 |
| 42. Rg3 | Nd5 |
| 43. Kg2 | Ne3+ |
| 44. Kf2 | Nd1+! |

and as white has begun to make mistakes for a change, black can see light at the end of the tunnel!

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| 45. Kg2 | Nxb2 |
| 46. Rf3+ | Ke6 |
| 47. Rg3 | Kd5 |
| 48. Kf1 | Kd4 |
| 49. Rg2? | Nxd3 |
| 50. Rg4+ | Kc3 |
| 51. Rg3 | e4 |
| 52. Ke2 | Kb4 |
| 53. Rg4! | Nc1+!! |
| 54. Kd1 | Nxa2 |
| 55. Rxe4+ | Kb3 |
| 56. Re7 | ... |

at which point adjudication time had been reached! Understandably miffed at having snatched defeat from the jaws of victory, white attempted to claim a draw, but his team captain, not wishing to throw away an adjudication fee ordered him to resign. I realize it is hardly in the Karpov/Kasparov league, but it does show the value of perseverance.

THE CONGRESS

Fourteen of you have sent deposits for our planned chess congress, and this is enough for me to have confirmed our booking with Ecton House. The congress will therefore definitely go ahead in July 1987 to celebrate our 20th birthday. Several of you suggested Mon. to Fri. was too long, so I have shortened it by a day. The congress dates are then:

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th July 1987

Ecton House is near Northampton, and thus as central a location as we are likely to get for our scattered membership. It is easily reached by road and public transport. The house will hold 25, so we have a further 11 spaces. If you wish to come send a £5 deposit to the Secretary to secure your place. Please say whether you can bring a chess set / and / or a clock. The total cost will be in the region of £40.

It would be nice to be able to present our trophy to the winner of the 1986/7 competition if he is there, so could I please ask DIVISION 1 players to make a special effort to finish their games by the BEGINNING of July. I am getting this season started a couple of weeks early to make this possible.

AND FINALLY

If this three times a year magazine is to work, it depends on YOU. I don't mind editing it and mailing it, but I need you to help fill it. PLEASE send me news about yourselves - games you play in other competitions, postal or over the board. Tell me how you get on. If you have any interesting games send in a list of moves (annotated if possible) with a diagram of any key position, and we can all share it.

The next magazine will be around January to coincide with the end of our match with NCCC. PLEASE LET ME HAVE SOMETHING TO PUT IN IT!

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